Modifications to Policy Of Navigating over Dams in High Water

Navigation with a commercial barge and tow boat or any other water craft of significant size over Kentucky River Dams in high water should obviously be undertaken only when the water is of sufficient depth to clear the structure. While conditions will vary such as current, back water on the Ohio River, load of the barge, etc, the basic requirements following and unofficial U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guideline used on the Green River at Dam 1 will be observed. The minimum depth above the crest of the dam should be at least 11 to 12 feet.

Any damage to a lock or dam structure by a watercraft traversing the dam in high water is the responsibility of the watercraft owner.

Navigation over dams would be analyzed on a dam to dam basis.

Commercial operators seeking permission to traverse dams under high water conditions shall present proof of liability insurance for any damage to the lock and dam structure or lock and dam structures in the amount of \$1 million.